

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

Protect the public, our staff and those within our custody and supervision

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Governor

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To: Members of the Public

From: Idaho Department of Correction

Date: Monday, March 30, 2020

Subject: Suspended Rules

The Idaho Governor approved the Idaho Department of Correction's request for temporary suspension of the following administrative rules in an effort to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

- 1. IDAPA 06.02.01, Rules Governing the Supervision of Offenders on Probation or Parole
 - a. Appendix 1, Idaho Response Matrix
 - b. A temporary exception to this rule will provide our Probation and Parole Officers with increased flexibility in their response to events involving those we supervise and allow them to focus their efforts on our higher risk populations.
- 2. IDAPA 06.02.01, Rules Governing the Supervision of Offenders on Probation or Parole
 - a. Section 012. GENERAL SUPERVISION, 04. Assessment of Potential to Re-Offend: Requires assessment at least annually and re-assessment after a significant incident. The assessment instrument must be conducted in-person.
 - b. A temporary exception to this rule will provide the flexibility to delay the assessment and reassessment in the event the individual is infected or if further restrictions are put in place that limit our staff's interactions with the people they supervise.
- 3. IDAPA 11.11.01 Rules of the Idaho Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) Council
 - a. Section 051. MANDATORY AND VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION. 01. Mandatory Certification: Requires certification by POST prior to acting as correctional officer or adult probation and parole officer.
 - b. A temporary exception will allow the Department, in the event of staff shortages due to COVID-19, to hire, train, and place staff in service prior to completing POST. Those staff would complete POST at the earliest opportunity.